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TOPIC Military Information from Burg

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A DATE OF CONT [REDACTED]

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REPAIRED 5 March 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 29 January 1953, the Panzer Kaserne on August Rebellstrasse, Burg, was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. At about 9 a.m. three JS-7 tanks, including No 517, and two JSU-122 guns left the installation toward the Artillerie Kaserne. They returned at about 5 p.m. About 100 soldiers organized in groups of 8 to 10 men were drilling in the installation. About 12 to 15 trucks were being maintained in front of a shed. The other sheds appeared to be occupied by trucks. Three tanks practiced firing at the firing range outside of the installation. Trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation.

2. On 29 January, the Artillerie Kaserne on Zerbsterchaussee was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive training activity, including formation drill with and without small arms, training in firing with carbines and instruction on three heavy machine guns, with 1 officer and 4 EM to each gun, was observed in the installation. About 100 soldiers received field training and 2 officers and 16 EM engaged in service of the piece drill on 2 x 122-mm howitzers in the training area south of the installation. At about 11:30 a.m., 24 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the installation coming from the direction of the town. Trucks [REDACTED] hauled beams and boards from the railroad station to [REDACTED]

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3. From 13 January to 6 February, the Panzer Kaserne in Burg was occupied to capacity. Heavy weapons observed included T-43 tanks, SP guns, four-wheel armored personnel carriers and four-wheel armored scout cars. Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation [REDACTED]

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4. From 13 to 6 February, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Weapons observed included 152-mm field howitzers, 85-mm and 37-mm AA guns and 100-mm AT guns. Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information in this report indicates no change in the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne by the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army and the Artillerie Kaserne by the 304th Arty Brig (US) and the U/1 AAA Regt of the LXXX Mtz Rifle Corps over a report [REDACTED] of 11 January 1953. See [REDACTED]

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